

ORDINANCE
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: April 9, 2026

CALENDAR NO. 35,419

NO. _____MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 2 of Article V of Chapter 18 of the City Code, to increase fees for rabies vaccination license tags; to establish for the reduction or waiver of license tag fees in cases of financial hardship; and otherwise to provide thereto.

SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY ORDAINS, that Division 2 of Article V of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana is amended to read as follows:

“Chapter 18 – Animals

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ARTICLE V. – DOGS AND CATS

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DIVISION 2. – LICENSING

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Sec. 18-228. – Collection of license tag fee by licensed veterinarian; remittance to city.

(a) Following administration of the rabies vaccination and upon issuance of the annual municipal dog or cat license tag, the licensed veterinarian issuing such license tag shall collect (i) an administrative fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each annual dog or cat license tag issued; and (ii) on behalf of and for remittance to the city, an annual dog or cat license tag fee, as follows:

(1) \$20.00 for each spayed or neutered dog or cat.

(2) \$30.00 for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat.

(b) Upon issuance of a replacement annual dog or cat license tag, which requires proof of a current rabies vaccination for the dog or cat, the licensed veterinarian shall collect (i) an administrative fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each replacement annual dog or cat license tag issued; and (ii) on behalf of and for remittance to the city, a replacement annual dog or cat license tag fee of \$16.00.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the owner or keeper of the dog or cat cannot pay all or part of the annual dog or cat license tag fee due to financial hardship and applies, on forms provided by the agency, to the veterinary clinic at the agency, or a veterinary clinic authorized by the agency, attesting to such hardship, the agency or authorized clinic may issue the annual dog or cat license tag or replacement license tag for a reduced or waived fee.

Sec. 18-229. – Annual vaccination drive.

During any organized rabies vaccination drive, as such is ordered or authorized by the director and is conducted on a citywide basis, the annual municipal dog or cat license tag fee shall be \$10.00 for each spayed or neutered dog or cat, and \$20.00 for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat; except that, if the owner or keeper of the dog or cat cannot pay all or part of the license tag fee due to financial hardship and applies, on forms provided by the agency, to the veterinary clinic at the agency, or a veterinary clinic authorized by the agency, attesting to such hardship, the agency or authorized clinic may issue the annual dog or cat license tag for a reduced or waived fee.

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Sec. 18-232. – Fees remitted by 20th day of each month.

All applicable fees collected by licensed veterinarians shall be remitted by each veterinarian to the rabies license fund, through the director of the department of finance or his designee, together

41 with the registration papers contemplated by section 18-230 and the hardship documentation
42 contemplated by sections 18-228 and 18-229, not later than the 20th day of each month following
43 the month in which the fees are collected.

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45 **Sec. 18-234. – License fee renewal obligation.**

46 The director shall file all dog or cat registration papers received by the city and shall notify
47 owners of registered dogs or cats that license renewal fees of \$20.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and
48 cats and \$30.00 for unspayed or unneutered dogs and cats are due on every annual anniversary of
49 the administration of the rabies vaccination or issuance of the municipal dog or cat license tag. Such
50 notice shall also inform dog and cat owners of the option to seek a reduced fee as specified in sections
51 18-228 and 18-229.”

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS_____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

ENGROSSED VERSION:

Sec. 18-228. - Collection of license tag fee by licensed veterinarian; remittance to city.

(a) Upon annual issuance of the annual municipal dog or cat license tag, each the licensed veterinarian issuing such a license tag shall, and are so authorized to, collect (i) an administrative fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each annual dog or cat license tag issued; and (ii) as the agent of and on behalf of and for remittance to the city, an annual dog or cat license tag fee, as follows:

- (1) Annual dog/cat license fee (spayed or neutered animals): \$9.00 ~~20.00~~ plus \$1.00 administrative fee, totaling \$10.00. for each spayed or neutered dog or cat.**
- (2) Annual dog/cat license fee (un-spayed or un-neutered animals): \$13.00 ~~30.00~~ plus \$1.00 administrative fee, totaling \$14.00. for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat.**
- (3) Replacement tag (proof of vaccination required): \$8.00 plus \$1.00 administrative fee totaling \$9.00.**

~~The administrative fee is to be retained by the veterinary clinic collecting and submitting the licensing fees.~~

- (b) Upon issuance of a replacement annual dog or cat license tag, which requires proof of a current rabies vaccination for the dog or cat, the licensed veterinarian shall collect (i) an administrative fee in the amount of \$2.00 for each replacement annual dog or cat license tag issued; and (ii) on behalf of and for remittance to the city, a replacement annual dog or cat license tag fee of \$16.00.**
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the owner or keeper of the dog or cat cannot pay all or part of the annual dog or cat license tag fee due to financial hardship and applies, on forms provided by the agency, to the veterinary clinic at the agency, or a veterinary clinic authorized by the agency, attesting to such hardship, the agency or authorized clinic may issue the annual dog or cat license tag or replacement license tag for a reduced or waived fee.**

Sec. 18-229. - Annual vaccination drive.

During any organized rabies vaccination drive, as such is ordered or authorized by the director and is conducted on a city-wide basis, the fee for the required rabies license shall be

~~\$3.00~~ 10.00 for each spayed or neutered dog or cat, and \$20.00 for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat; except that, if the owner of the dog or cat cannot pay all or part of the license tag fee due to financial hardship and applies, on forms provided by the agency, to the veterinary clinic at the agency, or a veterinary clinic authorized by the agency, attesting to such hardship, the agency or authorized clinic may issue the annual dog or cat license tag for a reduced or waived fee

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